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TAGS: CDES, FR (SHROCK, JOHN ALLEN, II)
SUBJ: DEATHS AND ESTATES: JOHN ALLEN SHROCK II.

REF: PARIS 15419; STATE 123016

1. EMBASSY MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS CONCERNING SHROCK INCIDENT. ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES, MR. SHROCK, AROUND 0950 HOURS ON SUNDAY MORNING, DISROBED ON THE PONT DES ARTS AND PLUNGED INTO THE SEINE; THIS WAS REPORTEDLY WITNESSED BY A POLICEMAN. THE FIRE BRIGADE TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL BROUSSAIS WHERE HE WAS SEEN BY DOCTOR ON DUTY, DR. ISRAEL. ARRANGEMENTS WERE REPORTEDLY BEING MADE TO TRANSFER HIM TO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, BUT AROUND 1100 HOURS HE DISAPPEARED FROM THE HOPITAL BROUSSAIS BEFORE THE AMBULANCE ARRIVED. (FATAL FALL OCCURRED ABOUT 1145 HOURS). HE REPORTEDLY HAD TOLD POLICE HIS REASON FOR JUMPING WAS THAT THERE WAS TOO MUCH VIOLENCE AROUND HIM. HE IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE POLICEMAN THAT HE HAD TAKEN POISON. BECAUSE OF THE PROFESSIONAL SECRET ACT IN FRANCE, DR. ISRAEL COULD NOT GIVE CONOFF ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT DISCUSSION WITH SHROCK, BUT AGREED TO TALK WITH THE EMBASSY DOCTOR (NOT THE EMBASSY NURSE). EMBASSY IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH AMERICAN DOCTOR ON STAFF OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR US.

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2. SOMEONE FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA (EITHER SIMONE OR COLETTE - FNU -) HAS A RELATIVE IN PARIS, AN ATTORNEY ROBERT ELMALAH WHO PHONED THE EMBASSY TO INFORM US THAT HE WAS LOOKING INTO THE MATTER. CONOFF VERIFIED WITH SHROCK'S FATHER THAT ELMALAH NOT HIRED BY THE FAMILY AND IS NOT THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, BUT IS ACTING OUT OF FRIENDSHIP. MR. SHROCK ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD REQUESTED

THE ASSISTANCE OF A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER
WENDELL BROOKS (RANK UNKNOWN). NO REQUEST RECEIVED AT
THIS OFFICE FROM BROOKS AS YET.

3. ACCORDING TO MR. SHROCK, DECEDENT NEVER IN MILITARY
AND HAS NEVER BEEN FINGERPRINTED. MR. SHROCK GAVE
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND SAID HE WOULD SEND DENTAL
RECORDS AS HE STATED HE NOT CERTAIN OF IDENTITY BECAUSE
BEHAVIOR OF DECEDENT NOT CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF HIS
SON.

4. CONOFF AND ASSISTANT WENT TO MORGUE MAY 18 TO COMPARE
DECEDENT'S FEATURES WITH LIKENESS ON CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S
LICENSE. FACE OF DECEDENT APPEARED TO MATCH LICENSE
PHOTO. IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER SIMILARITIES, CONOFF
NOTICED ON DECEDENT THE SAME LEFT EYELID CONDITION AS
DESCRIBED BY MR. SHROCK. ATTENDANT AT MORGUE STATED
THAT AUTOPSY SCHEDULED FOR THIS MORNING. RESULT OF
AUTOPSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED.

5. UNDERTAKER HERE SELECTED IN ACCORDANCE MR. SHROCK'S
INSTRUCTIONS. SHIPPING INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED
WHEN KNOWN. POSSIBLY EIGHT TO FIFTEEN DAYS REQUIRED.

6. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON LUGGAGE.

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7. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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